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Prologue

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Chapter 1 The Devotion of the Scholar

In a distant town nestled between hills and rivers, there lived a man known for his piety and dedication to Allah SWT (God). He was a scholar, not only in knowledge but in his devotion to worship.

For years, he would rise before dawn, praying with full sincerity, fast during the long days, and spend his nights immersed in the remembrance of Allah (dhikr). His worship was not just an outward display but an inner surrender to the Divine.

He became known among the people for his disciplined lifestyle, and many came to seek his guidance, hoping to emulate his deep connection with Allah SWT.

The scholar's devotion did not go unnoticed in the heavens. As he continued in his piety, he felt the sweetness of faith settle deep in his heart.

Year after year, decade after decade, he gave his every breath in worship, believing that his long years of unwavering devotion would certainly earn him a place in Jannah Firdaus Paradise.

His thoughts often turned to this great reward, and he became convinced that his 500 years of worship had earned him the right to ask for his place in the afterlife.

Chapter 2 A Question of Faith

As the scholar aged and his health began to weaken, he could feel the approach of his final days. His mind was filled with the anticipation of the reward he had earned. After five centuries of worship, he believed that his devotion had been sufficient.

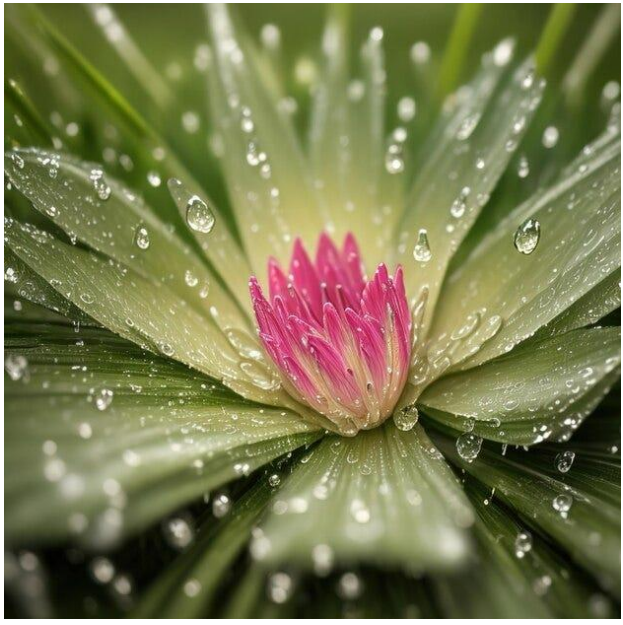
One day, feeling that his time was near, he raised his hands to the heavens and made a plea, “O Allah SWT, I have worshipped You for 500 years, surely this is enough to earn Your mercy. I ask for entry into Your Jannah Firdaus Paradise.”

In that moment, the scholar was filled with a sense of confidence that he had done enough. His heart swelled with anticipation as he awaited the answer from Allah SWT, believing that his devotion was unmatched.

He thought to himself, “If anyone has earned a place in Jannah through worship, it must be me. I have given my entire life to You.”

But little did he know, Allah’s mercy would teach him a profound lesson that would forever change his understanding of devotion and divine grace.

Chapter 3 The Answer from Allah SWT



As the scholar's hands remained raised, a voice echoed through the vastness of the heavens. It was not a harsh voice, but one filled with infinite wisdom and mercy.

"O My servant," the voice said, "You have indeed worshipped Me for 500 years, and I have accepted your worship. However, there is something you have failed to realize."

The scholar listened carefully, his heart trembling, not understanding what he had overlooked despite his long years of devotion.

The voice continued, “You have worshipped Me for half a millennium, but you have not yet thanked Me for the very gift of your life.

You have not acknowledged the countless blessings I have bestowed upon you—the air you breathe, the health in your body, the ability to worship Me.

You cannot repay these gifts through worship alone. Your worship is a sign of gratitude, but it is My mercy that will grant you entry into Paradise, not your deeds.”

Chapter 4 The Realization

The scholar stood still, overwhelmed by the words he had just heard. The weight of the message sank into his heart. How could he have been so blind?

For 500 years, he had been so focused on his acts of worship that he had failed to acknowledge the source of those very blessings.

His worship, however sincere, had been incomplete, for he had not humbled himself enough to recognize that all that he had, including the ability to worship, was a gift from Allah SWT.

He fell to his knees in repentance, tears streaming down his face. “O Allah SWT, forgive me,” he whispered, realizing the immense grace and mercy that had been given to him throughout his life.

His devotion to Allah was genuine, but it was only through the Divine mercy that he would find salvation.

This was a humbling moment, and the scholar understood that even the greatest acts of worship could never fully repay Allah SWT for His gifts.

Only Allah's mercy could grant him a place in Paradise.

Chapter 5 The Divine Mercy

The scholar's repentance was met with divine mercy. The voice from the heavens, filled with infinite compassion, spoke once more.

"My servant, you are right to recognize that it is only through My mercy that anyone will enter Jannah Paradise.

Your 500 years of worship are accepted, but you must always remember that it is My mercy, not your deeds, that will lead you to salvation."

With these words, the scholar's heart was filled with peace.

He had been seeking entry into Paradise through his own efforts, but Allah SWT had shown him the truth: that salvation lies not in how much one worships, but in the boundless mercy of Allah SWT.

The scholar felt a deep sense of gratitude and humility, realizing that his true goal was not to earn Jannah Paradise through his deeds but to seek the mercy of the Creator, who alone could grant him eternal life.

Chapter 6 A Shift in Perspective

In the days that followed, the scholar's understanding of faith was transformed. His entire perspective shifted from focusing on the quantity of worship to the quality of his relationship with Allah SWT.

He understood now that worship was not merely a transaction—an exchange of deeds for rewards—but a means to draw closer to the Divine.

His humility grew, and he no longer viewed his worship as something that could "earn" him Paradise. Instead, he saw it as a way to express his deep love and gratitude for the Creator.

He spent his remaining days in contemplation, reflecting on the vastness of Allah's mercy and the limitations of human effort.

Each prayer, each act of devotion, became an offering, not for reward, but as a reflection of his recognition of Allah's greatness.

The scholar's heart was now at peace, knowing that his salvation depended on Allah's infinite mercy, and that no amount of worship could ever truly repay the favors Allah SWT (God) had bestowed upon him.

Chapter 7 The Final Journey

As the scholar's final days approached, he had changed. His once confident belief in the sufficiency of his deeds had given way to an overwhelming sense of dependence on Allah's mercy.

He passed away quietly, with a heart full of gratitude, and a soul that had finally understood the true meaning of worship.

His life had been spent in devotion, but it was in his final moments of realization that he found the peace he had sought all along.

The people who had come to him over the years—students, seekers of knowledge, and fellow worshippers—remembered him not just for his piety but for his humility and deep understanding of Allah's mercy.

They continued to share his teachings, passing on the lessons he had learned in his final days.

The scholar's legacy was not only in his acts of worship but in the way he had come to understand the true nature of the Creator.

That it is only through Allah SWT mercy that one finds salvation, not through deeds alone.

Chapter 8 The Lasting Legacy

The scholar's story continued to inspire generations after his death. Sufi orders passed on the tale of his realization, teaching their followers the importance of humility and the need for constant reflection on the gifts of Allah SWT.

His life became a reminder that no matter how much one worships, it is always the mercy of Allah SWT that grants entrance to Jannah Paradise.

His legacy was not one of self-righteousness but of humility, and it was this humility that led him to the greatest understanding of all—that even the most devout servant is in need of Allah's mercy.

As the years passed, the story of the scholar who worshipped for 500 years became a parable that echoed in the hearts of all those who sought to draw closer to Allah SWT, reminding them that no one can earn Paradise, but all can hope for Allah's boundless mercy.

Chapter 9 The Infinite Mercy & Forgiveness from Allah SWT

In the Noble Qur'an, Allah SWT repeatedly reminds His servants of His infinite mercy and forgiveness. One such verse is from **Surah Az-Zumar (39:53)**:

"Say, 'O My servants who have harmed yourselves by your own deeds, do not despair of Allah's mercy. Allah forgives all sins; He is truly the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.'"

This verse speaks directly to the hearts of all believers, showing that no matter the sin or the amount of time spent away from Allah SWT.

His mercy is always available for those who turn to Him with sincerity. It highlights that even a lifetime of mistakes cannot compare to the vastness of Allah's forgiveness.

Another verse, from **Surah Al-Furqan (25:70)**, further reflects this divine mercy:

"Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful."

This verse reassures believers that no sin is too great to be forgiven if they turn to Allah SWT in repentance. Allah's mercy is transformative—it takes even the worst of deeds and replaces them with good when the sinner sincerely repents and reforms.

Moreover, Prophet Muhammad SAW emphasized Allah's mercy in numerous Hadiths. One such Hadith, narrated by **Abu Huraira (RA)**, states:

"When Allah created the creation, He wrote in His Book, which is with Him on His Throne: 'My mercy prevails over My wrath.'" (Sahih Muslim)

This Hadith teaches that Allah's mercy surpasses His wrath, providing hope to all believers. No matter how great their mistakes, Allah's mercy is always greater, and there is always a chance for forgiveness.

Another Hadith from the Prophet Muhammad SWT beautifully illustrates Allah's love and mercy towards His creation:

"Allah SWT (God) says: O son of Adam, as long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I will forgive you for what you have done, and I will not mind." (Sahih Muslim)

In this Hadith, Allah's love and willingness to forgive are made clear. No matter the wrongs a person has committed, if they sincerely turn to Allah SWT, asking for forgiveness, He will grant it without hesitation.

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